

What should I do when my child wants everything in the store?

It is normal for your children to want things that they see in stores and on TV. However, if your children are constantly begging for things, this behavior needs to be corrected. Your children need to learn that they cannot get everything that they want, and teaching this to them as a child will help them handle it as an adult.

Make sure your children understand the value of hard work and teach them to save money and set goals for items they want. Sit down with your children and explain that they are worthwhile because of qualities like honesty, kindness and creativity, not because of owning the best toys.

Before going into a store, explain how you expect your children to act. Give your children verbal praise by saying "I'm proud that you did not ask for everything that you wanted in the store."

Allow your children to go to a movie with a friend, or play at a friend's house while you are shopping. You can also give your children responsibilities such as pushing the cart or carrying packages while you are shopping.

Leave the store or turn off the TV when your children refuse to stop asking for things. Allow your children to earn money when they perform chores, so they can buy some things that they want. Make sure that you do not give in to their demands simply to quiet them. Deal with their behavior consistently.